



Mr. Michael Fitzmaurice, TD,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

4th December 2020

PQ 38602/20 * To ask the Minister for Health if a request by a group (details supplied) that a disused building be released to the community development company for lease or option to purchase will be given consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Fitzmaurice

Aughrim Development Co., Aughrim, Ballinasloe Co. Galway (2. Details Supplied Aughrim Dispensary, Aughrim , Ballinasloe Co. Galway

Dear Deputy Fitzmaurice

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The local service (CHO2) is currently reviewing the list of assets and vacant properties in their area, in light of increased accommodation demands due to Covid19. Once this review is completed, and if the property is considered surplus to healthcare requirements, the asset would be offered to all State stakeholders.

Under the Protocol for the Intra State Transfer of State Property Assets and the Protocol for the Intra State Sharing of Property Assets, and as advised by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER), the HSE would invite expressions of interest from relevant State Bodies/Stakeholders and Local Authorities including Galway County Council. This could offer an opportunity for the Community Development Company to acquire the space via the Local Authority, should the opportunity arise.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Curran
National Director, Estates